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The Student Government election board held a meeting on Wednesday April 7th in order to allow candidates for the upcoming elections to answer any questions students might have for them.

First were the four candidates running for the position of Vice President of finance: Patrick Deady, Amanda McCann, Aimee Springer, and Eric Smith; along with the candidate for V.P. of Programming: Niki Mathews. Those running for V.P. of finance were asked what they would do to make money more available to students. Smith supported the idea of getting the student organizations more involved and helping them in being aware that there is money available. Springer built onto this idea by stating that student organizations should be aware of money for travel so that they can take back the things they learn from other campuses and trips. Deady, on the other hand, supported using student surveys to see what students want, and then using that information to help give students more precisely what they want.

When asked what she would do to draw attention to the programs at IPFW, Mathews answered she would strive to make IPFW feel more like a community and hopes to make the students more involved in activities.

Next the candidates running for President of the IPSGA were given the opportunity to answer questions. Candidates running for this position include Ryan Houck, Mathew Lash, Terel Lynn, Arthur Mann, and Thomas Motter. Presidential candidates were asked about their vision for the student government as well as how they would decide upon their policies.

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Houck answered that he would strive to let every student know about the student government, and that he would utilize as much advertising as possible to help this happen, while using random surveys to see what students want. Lynn believes that the most important thing is getting more people to participate next year than this year, and would hold meet and greets in order to get to know the student body more personally. Mann states that he will attempt to embody the student body as a whole, and would do so by meeting with the officers of the individual student organizations, and finding what they want. Finally, Motter holds that he will have an open door policy to allow students to come and talk to him, while at the same time being involved in the various student organizations.

Finally, students running for V.P. of Legislation took their seats at the front of the room to answer questions. Only three were able to make it: Anthony Decker, Jonathan Humberson, and DeAngelo LaVette, although a video recording was played so that students were able to hear what the absent Shante Smith had to say about her candidacy as well. These students were asked what their goals were in order to reach maximum efficiency for next year. Decker believes although the legislation already runs efficiently, making the student body more aware that they can affect things such as parking and campus beautification will always help. Humberson believes in order to reach efficiency the student government should be able to change flexibly with the student body, and a broader viewpoint and transparency within the senate will affect change. LaVette, who has had experience in the student government, implores students to realize it is, in reality, a process, and it is already more efficient than it has been in past years, but by using the resources we have on campus to gather information from students, we can improve. Smith advocates using organizations and orientation programs that are easily accessible to students in order to make them more aware of opportunities they have available.

Student Senate meets to discuss student housing

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Monday March 29th the student senate held a meeting to discuss issues with the IPFW campus housing, at which residents were given the opportunity to come forward with anything they felt needed to be discussed.

One problem noted by students is that some of their RAs do not seem openly available. Although there is always someone either in the office or on call, students noted that they don't feel very comfortable calling them while they are out of the office. Another suggestion made was that there should be a better rating system in place. Although there are evaluations that ask general questions about the staff, there is no individuated evaluation.

Another problem some students have been having is with their internet's ability to access online gaming. Although they are not having any trouble with accessing from their computers, they have been having difficulty with online services such as X-box live.

Also, there is currently a restriction on bringing alcohol into the apartments and some students who are over the age of 21 feel as though they should be able to responsibly drink within their own rooms.

Security was another issue. Students have had their cars vandalized and have asked that some action be taken to prevent this from happening.

Many students also have a problem with the curfew set by student housing for visitors. Currently, if a resident wants to have a friend stay past 8 p.m. they must first inform someone at the housing office. Furthermore, there have been issues with nonresidents being hassled by the campus police for being there late at night.

One last issue that students have was with their contracts. Students complained that they were not able to see a copy of the lease without first giving a down payment. Furthermore, if a student decides they don't want to stay, only a portion of the money is refunded. Also, if a student does sign the contract, and then later decides to cancel it, they are subject to a $400 dollar cancellation fee as well as being responsible for paying the remainder of the rent for their contract until another person is found to fill the room. One student also complained that housing can force residents to move to different buildings midway through the lease at a moment's notice.

weather rundown

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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worldandcampus {News Brief}

The rundown on what is happening on campus and in the world this week

[illegible] over Violence

[illegible] over Violence Week will be April 12 to 17 and will feature gay rights [illegible] epard. She will speak on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the [illegible] Center. The lecture is free and for the public. A resource fair [illegible] presentation in the lobby of Rhinehart from [illegible] 7 p.m.

Career Fair [illegible]

Career Services will [illegible] fair prep session Wednesday, April 1[illegible] [illegible] who would like to know how [illegible] employers [illegible] they should dress [illegible] can stop by the Career Services [illegible] and a representative will speak with them.

Annual Earth Day [illegible]

The IPFW [illegible] Club will [illegible] Earth Day Celebration for students [illegible] Wednesday, April [illegible] p.m. in Walb [illegible] The celebration marks the [illegible] anniversary of Earth Day. [illegible] will give a presentation. There will be [illegible] screening [illegible] lunch will be served by [illegible] Cafe. As always, [illegible] will also participate in the celebration. Giveaways for students include tote bags and t-shirts.

Indiana [illegible]

[illegible] who were once considered nearly extinct in Indiana, are making a comeback. More than a decade ago, the state began releasing [illegible] into waterways, hoping they would multiply. [illegible] Southern Indiana's Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge near Seymour, park ranger Donna Stanley estimates that the 25 otters released there have reproduced with such success [illegible] several hundred of the critters now call the area home," according to The News-Sentinel.

Leading job fair in NE Indiana near campus

The Northeastern Indiana Career [illegible] (NICE) Expo [illegible] Thursday, April 15 from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. in the [illegible] Tech Gym in the Student Life Center, which is located at 4900 [illegible]

To register for the Expo and for more information, check out www.[illegible]/NICExpo. The event [illegible] free for students.

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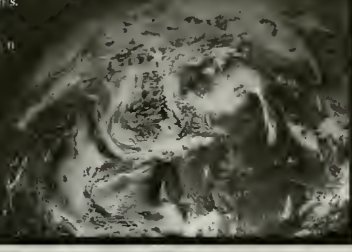

IPFW got sole

Ambassadons collect new shoes for Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and Charis House

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From April 5 to 30, the IPFW Ambassadons are on a mission to prove to Fort Wayne that "IPFW got sole." The Ambassadons will be collecting new or like-new shoes to benefit the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and Charis House. Charis House is an organization with Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries that provides shelter to homeless men, women, and children, specifically in the case of emergencies or crisis. In the past few years, Charis House has been forced to turn away people in need simply because they are not big enough. This Ambassadon-inspired event is a great way to jump-start getting actively involved in our community.

> **"The overall goal is three hundred pairs, and after seeing a generous heart like Andrew, it doesn't seem too far out of reach."**

The initial event kick-off tables were located in Kettler Hall and in Walb Student Union. Overall, the Ambassadons are fairly optimistic about the turnout. On April 6, a mysterious donor named Andrew handed over ten bags full of shoes. The overall goal is three hundred pairs, and after seeing a generous heart like Andrew, it doesn't seem too far out of reach.

For the kick-off days, donors received not only the promised packet of coupons for free food, but were also handed a free cookie in the shape of a shoe. Those coupon packets were on a first-come-first served basis, so they likely went quickly, but it was a great incentive for students to participate in this great mission. After the kick-off, donation bins will appear in Cole Commons at the Student Housing, in Kettler Hall (at Career Services and the Admissions office), in Walb Student Union (Student Life and Diversity and Multicultural Affairs), in the computer lab in the Science Building, in the lobby of Helmke Library, and at the Health and Human Services Student Success Center in Neff Hall.

This three-week-long event is a great mission for the Ambassadons to take on. According to Jillian Penny, the Ambassadons put together one big community service event each year, so this was definitely a great year to do a shoe drive. It fit well this week with the Day without Shoes and all the great work TOMS shoes has been doing. So now that some Mastodons know how it feels to go without shoes (even if it's only for a day), hopefully they'll be inspired to go out and buy a pair of shoes to donate. Any little step helps.

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Student Government Budget Capped

By Peter Schnellenberger

For as a long [illegible] people [illegible] member Indiana [illegible] Students [illegible] funds [illegible] of [illegible] be capped at $[illegible]

[illegible] 40/60, 40 percent [illegible] IPSGA and other 60 p[illegible] going to fund [illegible] According to Student Body President Amanda [illegible] and Vice President of [illegible], Kory [illegible], for the next three years, the 40/60 split will cease to exist because of a special agreement between IPSGA and the Chancellor's office.

Sports will continue to receive its typical 60 percent while IPSGA's fund will be capped at a total of roughly $1.169 million. The remainder of the "student activity fee" will go to a special account controlled by the Chancellor which, according to the agreement can only be used in ways that will directly benefit students," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs George McClellan.

McClellan said that the funds are being capped due to the uncertain economic climate. When compared to the other departments, IPSGA has a lot of comfort room which is a luxury that none of the other departments have right now.

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The administration also wants to encourage [illegible] entrepreneurship within the student government. One suggestion was that the Chancellor's office had [illegible] to host [illegible] on campus hopefully making so that money could be made. A major concert has not been held on campus in years, said McClellan.

McClellan also stated that The Chancellor's Office is [illegible] IPSGA to submit recommendations for how the University's budget is being spent, which is something that IPSGA has not had the opportunity to do in the past.

"We are lucky not to be cut just held at a status quo," said McCann. "The important thing is that in three years IPSGA will be able to negotiate a percentage again."

The RSS Feed

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What is RSS?

RSS is a way to check all the blogs, sites, and news stories that you want to read, without having to visit every single site every day to see if there has been an update. By offering an RSS feed, a publisher, such as the IPFW Communicator, can deliver new stories and articles to the reader's digital inbox easily. The acronym stands for "Really Simple Syndication," which basically means that it is really simple to subscribe to an RSS feed.

How to use RSS.

Using RSS is as simple as choosing an RSS reader and subscribing to some feeds. Most e-mail clients such as Outlook or Thunderbird offer RSS subscription, but one of the best RSS readers available is Google Reader, accessible for free to anybody with a Gmail account at www.google.com/reader. Google Reader is accessible from any computer with internet access, so it can be used anywhere, and has a mobile version for reading from a smartphone. To add a feed to an RSS reader, click on a site's RSS feed link, which usually has a icon of white radio waves on an orange background. This will usually bring up a preview of the feed, which will contain some recently published posts, and the option to subscribe to the feed. To subscribe to the feed with a different newsreader than the default, copy and paste the feed's URL, in the other newsreader by using the "add" button.

After setting up a feed, It won't need to be added again. Every time the RSS reader is opened, it will check the website to see if there have been any new updates, and then shows these updates to the user.

Why RSS?

RSS is useful for college students because it saves time and bandwidth. By letting the RSS reader check all the blogs, news sites, and other feeds, the user is free to spend more time reading what is important, rather than manually going to each site, and waiting for it to load. Furthermore, RSS can save bandwidth by only loading the articles, rather than the entire page for each article.

Most modern blogs, and news sites, such as the IPFW Communicator, offer RSS feeds. The abundance of RSS feeds available means that for many people, an RSS reader can make reading the internet's offerings easier and more efficient.

Smoke Hut Diaries

By Robin Crowell
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I've spent a lot of time calling people out on their shortcomings, and though I always thought that I was aware of my own, I've recently figured out that this wasn't the case. There was a guy in the hut a while ago that called me out on being, well, a bitch. I didn't argue it, I just refuted it by saying that I didn't like him. This is common practice in Robin's offices. People have also called me out on my complaining about Fort Wayne and for that I had no response.

I went to Portland, Oregon over spring break and did a lot of searching within myself for an answer. To what question? I wasn't sure. By Tuesday of spring break, it hit me.We traveled to Seattle which was around two and a half hours away from Portland. We had no agenda, no plan, no worries. We just wanted to explore the city and see what it was all about. Being from the Midwest leaves the larger cities out west a little further out of reach than say, Chicago. We searched around an old antique store, ate fresh seafood on the bay, roamed around Pike Place Market, then proceeded to drive around. It was then that we found The Funhouse. I kid you not; the place was called The Funhouse.

From the distance we saw a giant scary clown head on top of a building and as we neared the building there was a banner on the side that read "$1 PBR." This was our place. We settled into the bar and had a few drinks and proceeded to walk outside to the back porch to smoke. We looked up and saw none other than the Space Needle itself looming above us, staring us down, begging us to awe in its presence.

As we peered up through smoke clouds, the Space Needle's glow illuminating the back porch, conversation started to ensue about what we were really doing with our lives. I have been trying to get out of Fort Wayne for years but to no avail. Every avenue I'd tried to travel down had closed and I have never felt more stuck or suffocated in my entire life. A friend of mine, in the hut no less, spoke of such suffocation and I wrote it off. I thought that if other attempts fail, the only other option is to make the best of the circumstances you are allotted. I tried this, but my allotted circumstance was less than admirable.

Not only was Fort Wayne suffocating me, but school as well. I value an education, very very much so. Honest. But upon thinking about it, I've been a resident in academia for the last eighteen years straight of my life. I'm burned out. It was after coming to this realization that my boyfriend and I decided to just up and leave, to move to Portland. This isn't a matter of running away, this isn't a matter of hiding from my problems. This is a matter of finally doing something for me and to stop worrying about the happiness of others.

So, this is my formal announcement to all of my faithful readers. I'm moving to Portland on May 10th. These next few smoke hut diaries will be the last of the lot, but it was a good run. If it wasn't for writing this, if it wasn't for the people that I've actually started paying attention to, the people that I started listening to, and the people that I absolutely loathe... who knows if this would have happened or not. You meet everyone for a reason, you write every word for a reason, and every cigarette smoked with you people was for a reason.

The Stop Dating Show

By Wil Upchurch & Bernadette Gleeson
Writers

I'm adopting the Stop Dating philosophy in my everyday interactions, but I'm finding it difficult to describe to people what's happening in my life. When someone asks me on a date, what should I tell my friends? What terms should I use with people that don't yet subscribe to Stop Dating? Give me a vocabulary, please!

--Jazmine, Indiana

Well, we're obviously partial to the idea of spending time. What's wrong with just telling people you're going to spend time with someone? If you are adopting the Stop Dating philosophy, then this will become more natural over time. However, as you've probably noticed, people have a hard time accepting ambiguous answers. They want to know the juicy details! And that's totally natural and benign...your friends want to be excited with you. This is probably how you've always communicated about these things, and so it's going to take time.

We like to talk about how we teach others how to treat ourselves, and this is no different. Friends tend to develop their own languages, so if you're one of the first in your group to subscribe to the Stop Dating philosophy, then you're going to have to take the lead in changing the way you and your friends talk about the connections you're making with others.

This is an opportunity to point out that the Stop Dating philosophy isn't just about how things affect you, but about how the things you say affect others. We know dating is a loaded word, so what other kinds of things can you say? Well, you can describe what you're going to do. "Cam and I are going to play Putt-Putt." You can use more generic phrases that indicate the level of intimacy or closeness that you're comfortable with. For example, saying you're going to share moments with someone might seem more intimate than just saying you're going to hang out.

The point we're trying to make is that it's ok... no, it's beneficial...to use more descriptive language that indicates where you're at today. The way that we talk affects the way that we think, and vice versa, and both eventually affect the way we behave, even at a subconscious level. So, choose words that more precisely describe what you're doing and how you feel about it instead of using the generic language of dating.

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Horoscopes

For the Week

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Do not let others exhaust you financially. Make changes that will heighten your appeal. Expand your knowledge and sign up for courses and seminars. Deception will play an important factor in relationships.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21) Think twice before you pursue an unrealistic endeavor. Your creative ability will surface, giving you good ideas for ways of making money. Travel should be on your agenda. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may find that your generosity has been taken for granted. Look before you leap. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. Don't let your stubborn nature get the better of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Purchases will be well worth it and they will last a long time. Help elders get their personal papers in order. You need time to think things through. Don't let your emotions get out of hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You will have to make changes in order to eliminate the tension. You're best to channel your energy into work. Older relatives may make unreasonable demands. You may be somewhat emotional concerning a rather private matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Try to be fair in your dealings with acquaintances. Arguments will flare up if you get backed into an emotional corner. Your irritability will lead to family squabbles. Groups you belong to will not only enjoy your company, but they will also share your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill.-Stick to doing things that will make you a better person both physically and mentally. You have the ability to motivate others. Love relationships will flourish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Hassles with your boss are sure to erupt if you speak your mind. Chances are you split up the last time because you didn't really want to make a commitment. You will have the discipline and fortitude to accomplish what you want this week. Your interest in helping others may take you back to school.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You will learn a great deal about yourself if you go somewhere secluded. You might have a problem hanging on to your money this week. You can set your goals and make a beeline for your target. You have more than enough on your plate already.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can make money if you pursue your own business. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. You can make personal changes that will enhance your reputation and give you greater self confidence. Don't let your partner goad you into wearing your heart on your sleeve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Sit back and observe, regardless of how hard that might be. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. Your ability to add a sophisticated touch will help you capture the look you're after. Look into events that you might find interesting, and compromise by doing a few things that you both like to do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your domestic scene could continue to be in an uproar this week. Relationships have not been the best for you lately and it's left you somewhat gun shy. Be extra careful with your valuables; loss and theft are evident this week. You could meet an interesting individual you'll want to get to know better.

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Artist Spotlight

Debbie Ngo

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Upon walking into the ceramics room in the Visual Arts building, one will generally see senior Debbie Ngo working on her latest project. When walking through the building, one is able to view the senior projects from the students pursuing Bachelor degrees in Fine Arts. Ngo's concentration is in sculpture. She has worked with many materials ranging from found objects to metal to clay. She is currently working with clay to create a bust of a man with earrings and a cigarette hanging from his lips. Ngo used many varying tools, including an everyday spoon, to create lines in his hair, sculpt his jaw line, and further detail little aspects of his face.

Ngo grew up in Fort Wayne and, unlike many of her fellow college students, she wouldn't mind ending up here. What she does isn't found here frequently, so it would be a chance for her to expose Fort Wayne to different types of art. When asked if she was considering attending graduate school to pursue her masters degree (and perhaps teach), Ngo mentioned that "that's pretty much all" she could do with it. She would, however, like to come back to Fort Wayne (after perhaps attending graduate school) and set up a studio or a workshop and she'd definitely consider teaching a few classes that way. So far the schools Ngo has looked at are in Chicago and California, but, again, she's not entirely sure she wants to go the graduate school route.

While watching Ngo work, a classmate approached and asked if this was another one of her "characters," to which she responded that he, in fact, was. After a few more minutes of simply watching, I asked Ngo what her classmate had meant by characters—did she base all her art on characters? She responded that she wrote when she was younger and now that she's into the arts, she takes those characters and gives them a real face. She based the characters on people from her life. She said she would sometimes even base a character on a group of people.

Ngo and her classmates have their Senior Bachelor of Fine Arts Show up on display until April 11. After being in the Visual Arts Building and looking at many of the amazing projects, I can safely say it is well worth the short walk to the Visual Arts Building.

Book to Mo

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Do you remember *Clueless*? Do you remember how popular a movie it was? Furthermore, do you remember how flighty all the characters were (with the notable exception of Josh)? Would you be shocked to realize that it was based on Jane Austen's *Emma*? Upon reading the book for a class this semester and discussing this article with a sibling, the movie *Clueless* was instantly brought up. With dawning comprehension, I realized that Josh was Mr. Knightly, Dionne was Mrs. Weston, and Cher was none other than Emma Woodhouse herself. The movie puts a very modern twist on the classic British nove
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5 iPhone Game

They are half the reason for getting an iPhone or iPod To

Angry Birds:
This game appears on a number of popular "best iPhone games" lists, and for good reason. This fun physics game is well polished, and a good value. There is a pretext of a story, something about the birds' eggs being stolen by green pigs, but it doesn't distract from the gameplay.

It plays like the flash game "Crush the Castle," but with better controls. Rather than being a timing-based challenge, the user chooses the trajectory of the titular birds with simple drag and release controls. The controls are usually fine, but sometimes a bit difficult to use, especially for low power or high angle shots, but these don't come up very often. There is a great variety of "ammunition", including standard birds, birds that explode, and birds that lay eggs, just to name a few. The graphics are whimsicle without being distracting, which is good since the you'll be looking at the screen for a long time as you play through trough the 105 levels that this game has. This is a great casual game, as even the most challenging levels take no more than few minuites to clear.

Equation: castle smasher + bow defense + cartoon birds
Price: $0.99 (lite version free)
Gameplay: 5/5
Controls: 3/5
Graphics: 4/5
Overall: 4/5

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Movie: Clueless

classic British novel, but there are still plot points that are brought to light in both.

Not only do Cher (Emma) and Dionne (Mrs. Weston) play matchmakers for two of their high school teachers, but once a new girl begins attending their school, they decide to make her over and help her find her place. The new girl's name is Tai, but she is modeled after Harriet Smith. Finally, in a moment of recognition, Tai (from the movie) and Harriet (from the book) both fall in love with a man by the name of Elton. This is crushed, however, when Elton professes his love for Cher (in the movie) and Emma (in the book) and, once scorned, finds the most obnoxious and abrasive woman possible to court.

"The characters, though seeming to be vastly different, actually transfer well from the page to the screen."

The characters, though seeming to be vastly different, actually transfer well from the page to the screen. The screenwriters did an excellent job of modifying the story for the youth which consumed it, while sticking closely to the plotline Austen originally laid out. Most importantly, they include the feeling of remorse felt by the main character after she causes a perfect match to go completely awry. Surprisingly, Hollywood was successful this time...

Games You Should Have

n iPhone or iPod Touch. For some people, more than half. So which ones are the best?

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Torrent:

This strategy game has the user capturing as much of a field of hexagonal spaces as possible. The AI will do the same. Whoever has more when the field is full wins. The game's simple control scheme matches its simple objective. click a hex to make it your color. click on it again to crystallize it, and capture all the hexes around it. Once a cell has been captured, it can only be converted by crystallizing a hex next to it. Once a hex has been crystallized, it can never be converted again. This complication to the otherwise simple game concept makes strategy and forethought an important part winning. However, every game is different, due to the addition of special powerups that can change the game in an instant. The game is easy to play, and is a lot of fun for people who like strategy games like Risk. The graphics are simple, but that just makes everything clearer. The only major problem with this game is that hexes are a bit smaller than most people's fingers, and it's possible to pick the wrong hex by mistake. The game has 6 board layouts to unlock. This game is fun, but in a more thought based way.

Equation: (Othello + Risk)*6/4
Price: $0.99 (lire version free)
Gameplay: 4/5
Controls: 5/5
Graphics: 3/5
Overall: 4/5

Dark Nebula:

This game places the player in the role of a marble. Not just any marble, though. This is a marble with a mission. Exactly what the mission is, is not made clear, but it involves avoiding obstacles. These aren't normal obstacles though. these are obstacles in the future. Your marble has to dodge lazer guns, go through lazer gates, and move past the obligitory slowly rotating spiked fan which seems out of place in this game, as it is not made out of lazers. The controls use the accelerometer, and are more responsive than most other games of the kind; tilt forward to move forward, tilt left to move left, etc. The marble responds quite snappily, which is good, since some of the levels involve jumping and changing direction in mid-air. The game's 10 levels are each unique, with difficulty scaling smoothly across the game. The game's graphics are very impressive; they make the game fun to look at, without distracting the player or making the setting unnecessarily complex. This game is not a game of strategy or planning. It is a game that is about reflexes and fine motor control.

Equation: (Labrynth + Better Controls
Price: $0.99
Gameplay: 4/5
Controls: 4/5
Graphics: 4/5
Overall: 4/5

ROBIN'S REVIEWS

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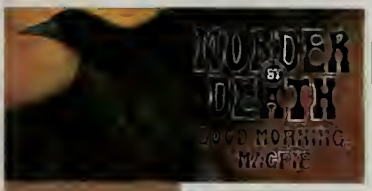

Artist: Murder By Death
Album: *Good Morning, Magpie*
Label: Vagrant
Release Date: April 6, 2010
Sounds Like: Less doomsday and more old times.
Rating: 4.5/5

Murder By Death has never failed to impress through their string of albums speaking about the apocalypse, drunken mistakes, and heartache; all executed with swank, class, and bellowing vocal styles accompanied by gracefully orchestrated cello and rock music reminiscent of what Johnny Cash mating with the old southwest would sound like.

This album is no exception, though the themes seem kissed with a slight ray of hope. The songs come across as less doomsday-oriented and more focused on having a good time. Also, the album sounds older. It sounds less produced, less clean, but happier nonetheless.

The lighter tones implemented, especially on tracks like "As Long As There's Whiskey In The World" and "Foxglove," draw a different tone entirely into the mix, but it's welcomed. Tracks go back to signature MBD sound, especially prevalent on "You Don't Miss Twice (When You're Shavin' With A Knife) which is almost cartoony in nature, and "Piece By Piece" which has that mournful essence creeping around in singer Adam Turla's voice.

The feel has changed, but the talent has in no way dissipated. If anything, this shows that the band is maturing in both writing and musical composition. There is beauty, ugliness, disgust, optimism, and love bleeding through every pore of this album. Always intense, never boring, and a solid listen all the way through... this will easily be one of the best albums of the year.

Movies Opening this Week

April 16, 2010

Kick-Ass (2010)
(wide)

The Perfect Game (2010)
(wide)

Spring Fling

Event will be held from April 19-24

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The IPFW 2010 Spring Fling will be held from April 19th until the 24th, which according to Mickey Smith, V.P. of programming for the IPSGA "offers students a chance to come together and relax before dead week." Every day, there will be free food, free entertainment, and free give aways. There will also be golf carts offering students a quick ride to their classes, and an ice cream truck offering free ice cream.

Beginning Monday, April 19 there will be different events every day for students to come and enjoy for free. From the Engineering Technology Building all the way to Walb, there will be street musicians, mimes, and fortunetellers. They will be giving away picnic food and t-shirts.

Tuesday there will be bumper cars during the day and at night there will be a jazz band and a karaoke competition. They will also be giving away free finger foods.

Wednesday they will be giving out hamburgers, hotdogs, and pitas in the Science Mall, and there will be competitions such as croquette, euchre, and human hamster ball races. Students are invited to register for competitions at IPFW's intramurals Facebook page.

"Every day there will be free food, free entertainment, and free stuff. There will also be... an ice cream truck offering free ice cream."

Thursday they will be giving out stir fry and flip flops. In the evening there will be two movies playing in the Science Mall, and they will be giving away free Nelson's chicken.

Friday and Saturday they will be offering bagels, brunch, and giveaways and there will be a band playing at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone interested is invited to volunteer for the event. In return they will be able to receive any of the giveaways ahead of schedule, without the hassle of waiting in line. Volunteers are needed every day for two hours any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Duties include handing out food, drinks, and free items. It is a great opportunity to meet new people.

Students should also check out the Free Zoo Day that will be in May, which is also being sponsored by the IPSGA. More information can be found by searching for the IPSGA Student Activities Board on Facebook.

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Texting and driving
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are tomorrow's leaders and today's change agents. As college students, we are the individuals who are watching our future change before our eyes in the midst of a social metamorphosis. Not only has the economy changed our idea of financial stability and social networks changed our idea of interpersonal relationships, but these changes also accompany the onset of new societal weaknesses.

These weaknesses include new addictions to, not drugs, but mobile connectivity. iPhones, smart phones, netbooks, WiFi, iPods, cell phone versatilities and other gadgets have become as common as pencils and car keys. And, unfortunately, our increasing need to feel connected has led us to ignore safety precautions so that we not only check email and text messages but also respond to these messages as well.

As communication majors, we unanimously recognize the value of communicating with others. However, in no way are messages sent via telephones dire enough to risk the safety of those in our cars or those driving among us. This is why Lambda Pi Eta, the Department of Communication's Honor Society, is enthusiastically committed to partnering with Parkview Health Trauma Center to champion their "Don't Text & Drive" campaign. We've worked with various venders, IPFW and Parkview representatives to post flyers and hand out lanyards, key chains and air fresheners to provide constant reminders to IPFW students. We hope that these efforts will help encourage students to put down the phone while their driving and break this distractive and destructive habit.

Bringing the "Don't Text & Drive" message to IPFW's campus was particularly important to us because we know that students frequently juggle responsibilities at work, home, school and elsewhere. Because a large population of IPFW's student body commutes, we feel this message is entirely relevant to the habits many of us have unconsciously fallen into.

Texting while driving can be a fatal decision and is ending lives, young and old. In fact, a recent study conducted by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that texting while driving increased the driver's collision risk 23 times that of drivers who don't text and drive. We understand and fully relate to students' desire to want to achieve, accomplish, and manage a to-do list. But those tasks and responsibilities will be waiting for us at our destinations. This is our plea to IPFW students, and to drivers everywhere: Put down the phone; Don't Text and Drive.

Sincerely,

Members of Lambda Pi Eta, Psi Omega, IPFW Communication Honor Society

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March Madness Final Four

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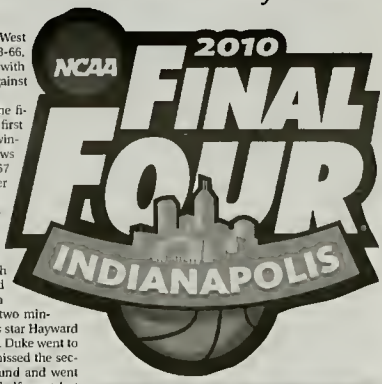
March Madness was three great weekends of basketball, just like what was predicted. In round one of the tournament Old Dominion upset Notre Dame 51-50, Villanova survived a huge upset beating Robert Morris in overtime 73-70, Wake Forest pulled one out against Texas winning 81-80, Washington upset Marquette 80-78, Murray State upset Vanderbilt with a buzzer beater winning 66-65, BYU survived against Florida winning 99-92 in two overtimes, and Ohio beat Georgetown in the first rounds biggest upset winning 97-83. In the second round of weekend number one; Purdue beat Texas A&M late in overtime 63-61, St. Mary's stunned Villanova winning 75-68, Cornell continued their Cinderella story beating Wisconsin 87-69, Xavier won late to beat Pittsburgh 71-68, Butler held off Murray State to win 54-52, Michigan State scored a three at the buzzer to beat Maryland 85-83, and Northern Iowa shocked the world upsetting the favorite Kansas 69-67.

Weekend number two saw a great sweet sixteen and elite eight. Butler upset Syracuse 63-59, Kansas State survived two overtimes to beat Xavier 101-96, Kentucky dominated Cornell 62-45 ending their Cinderella story, Michigan State knocked out Northern Iowa 59-52, and Tennessee knocked off Ohio State 76-73. In the elite eight; Butler once again shot the ball lights out to upset Kansas State 63-56, West Virginia held off Kentucky to win 73-66, Michigan State beat Tennessee 70-69 with late free throws and Duke survived against No. 3 Baylor to win 78-71.

In weekend number three it was the final four and the championship. In the first game Butler held off Michigan State winning 52-50 after hitting late free throws and Duke dominated West Virginia 78-57 after the Mountaineers lost top player Da'Sean Butler to a torn ACL.

In the championship it was Cinderella and home crowd favorite Butler against the team everyone loves to hate, Duke. At halftime Duke was leading 33-32. Late in the game with only 3 minutes to go, Duke had the lead 60-55 but could not close the door on Butler. Butler came back in the final two minutes to be down by one, 60-59. Butler's star Hayward missed a shot with three seconds to go. Duke went to the line and they made the first but missed the second. Hayward of Butler got the rebound and went down court to put up a prayer from half court but the ball bounced out of the basket. DUKE wins the NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP 61-59. Duke's Kyle Singler was named most outstanding player.

What a game, what a tournament, I can't wait until next year!



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60 Second Sports Report

MLB, NBA Playoff, and NHL Playoff Preview

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Major League Baseball is finally officially underway after a long offseason filled with free agent signings and some major trades. The Mariners may have made the biggest splash in the offseason when they signed free agent Chone Figgins and traded for Milton Bradley and Cliff Lee. In the Lee deal the Phillies received Roy Halladay from the Blue Jays. The Mets signed the biggest free agent Jason Bay and the Cardinals re-signed star Matt Holliday. The Yankees also made a splash by trading for Curtis Granderson, who was on the Tigers. Then the Tigers signed former Yankee Johnny Damon.

Spring training has ended has the season is now a little over a week old. So it is only fitting to have Fish Picks vs. Pea Predictions for the season and playoffs. In the AL East the Fish picks the Yankees and Pea predicts the Red Sox. In the AL Central the Fish picks the Twins and Pea predicts the Twins. In the AL West the Fish picks the Rangers and Pea predicts the Angels. In the NL East the Fish picks the Phillies and Pea predicts the Phillies. In the NL Central the Fish picks the Cubs and Pea predicts the Cubs. In the NL West the Fish picks the Rockies and Pea predicts the Giants. For the Wildcard winners the Fish picks the Cardinals and the Red Sox and Pea predicts the Cardinals and the Yankees. For the playoffs the Fish picks the Yankees to win the AL pennant and the Cubs to win the NL pennant, then the Cubs to win the World Series. Pea predicts the Red Sox to the AL pennant and the Cubs to win the NL pennant, then the Cubs to win the World Series.

"The NHL regular season finished up on Sunday with the Flyers grabbing the last spot in the East, beating the Rangers."

The NBA regular season finishes up Wednesday with one spot still in the air. The Bulls and Raptors are fighting for the eight seed in the East, whichever team wins will play the best team in the league, the Cleveland Cavaliers. The teams have been playing for 82 games and now it is time to see who has what it takes to be a champion. For the teams who were unfortunate not to make the playoffs they have to hope to get a good draft position in the lottery, for they can get a top college player in a possible deep draft class. With the playoffs getting ready to start on Saturday the Fish will pick his winners and Pea will predict his winners. For the Eastern conference champions the Fish picks the Cavaliers and Pea predicts the Cavaliers. For the Western conference champions the Fish picks the Mavericks and Pea predicts the Jazz. In the NBA finals the Fish picks the Mavericks over the Cavaliers and Pea predicts the Cavaliers over the Jazz.

The NHL regular season finished up on Sunday with the Flyers grabbing the last spot in the East after beating and knocking out the Rangers.

For more sports news go to ipfwcommunicator.org. In next week's issue playoff reviews and more.

Patience is a virtue

Volleydons taste victory after 5 consecutive losses

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Losing Streak-an uninterrupted string of contests (whether games, matches, etc.) lost by a team or individual.

A losing streak can last as short as two games or it can last as long as an entire season, if not longer. In NCAA Division 1 Football, the Northwester Wildcats from the powerhouse Big Ten conference lost a record thirty-four games in a row before picking up a win. If you want to look at basketball, NJIT Highlanders, a familiar foe of the volleydons once dropped fifty-one games in a row, which is over two entire seasons. Lucky for us, there were no losing streak records that have been spat out by IPFW, and if I know one thing, the Dons would like to do anything possible to stay off this list.

When it comes to Men's Volleyball, losing streaks aren't often seen on the Win/Loss columns; so when IPFW rolled into the Gates Center Saturday night after losing five consecutive matches, it was time to pull it together for a team victory. Because, of course, we all know what happened the last time the Volleydons lost five consecutive matches-the 2009 season ended at the hands of Loyola Chicago in the MIVA tournament.

Saturday night's match against the King College Tornado's proved KC to be anything but Tornado's. Or Kings. The Tornado's spun in and out of Gates before they knew what hit them. They were beaten and bruised by the Dons in four sets. (30-25, 30-24, 26-30, 30-23) As a leader who has seemed to step up all season, junior outside hitter Darryl Shank led the dons with twenty-seven kills on the evening, followed by freshman Elon Fyfield with seventeen kills, and senior Oliver Kook with thirteen kills and a .500 hitting percentage. Not a bad night to be a Volleydon.

Unfortunately, there are no more opportunities to catch IPFW on home turf this season. The Dons wrap up the season this weekend on the road for two matches in two nights against Quincy, in Quincy, Illinois, before heading off to the MIVA tournament, where it will later be announced who the Dons will face.

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Volleydons: Freshman setter Elias Aparcedo, had 71 assists (an IPFW season record for the setter position).

Fish Picks vs. Pea Predictions

10 Bulls at Bobcats
Fish: Bobcats- MJ over Bulls
Pea: Bulls- Playoff run

9 Pirates at Giants
Fish: Giants- Pirates cool off
Pea: Giants- Best in NL West

8 Brewers at Cubs (Series)
Fish: Cubs- Home field
Pea: Cubs- Cubbies take off

7 Red Sox at Twins (Series)
Fish: Red Sox- Better team, for now
Pea: Red Sox- Boston get rolling

6 Phillies at Braves (Series)
Fish: Phillies- Best in NL
Pea: Phillies- Huge bats win

5 Suns at Jazz
Fish: Jazz- Hold off Suns
Pea: Jazz- Utah gets hot

4 Rays at Red Sox (Series)
Fish: Rays- Have Sox number
Pea: Red Sox- Rays lose

3 Tigers at Angels (Series)
Fish: Tigers- Going to work
Pea: Angels- AL West Champs

2 Giants at Dodgers (Series)
Fish: Giants- Pitching beats hitting
Pea: Dodgers- Big hitters here

1 Angels at Yankees (Series)
Fish- Angels- Get to end of rotation
Pea: Angels- Best in West

Fish: (59-61) Pea: (65-55)

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Rugby: Players from the IPFW rugby team getting in formation for a scrum.

Who needs football?

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After a long week of classes, with stress mounting, students will do almost anything to take out that stress. After all, it is the weekend. But on this campus, there's a group of about twenty guys who get together once a week to take out stress a little different than most others. It's called rugby.

Rugby, not to be confused with the similar sport, football, is played in a field called a "pitch." The pitch is one-hundred meters, not yards, long, and sixty-nine meters wide. The sidelines are called touchlines and there are two in-goal areas which are expected to be ten to twenty-two meters deep with a tryline marking the front and a dead ball line at the back.

Although that game is similar to football, the padding is not. The players all were helmets, but no face masks, and there are no shoulder pads.

The goal posts are located on the try line and are 5.6 meters apart with a crossbar set at three meters. (the goal post resemble that of a football field.) The height of the posts varies according to how that particular team wants them.

Well, now that the technical stuff is out of the way, it's time to get to the real reason why people play the sport-"the hitting." For a little insight on why someone might want to get tossed around for a few hours, I talked to the one guy that I'm pretty sure was born for the sport, freshman Steve Kemper. The kid practically has "Rugby Player" tattooed across in forehead.

You know the type; homegrown, pickup-truck driving, corn-fed, football playing, mud-covered, trouble-making kid who couldn't even run up and down the basketball court without planting someone on their-well, you get the point. The guy could turn a simple game of hop-scotch into a full blown smackdown. I would know, I grew up with him.

When I asked the guy they call Kemper why he played the game, I got the answer I knew was coming.

"It's high contact! We don't get to play football here and it's good to get some exercise and get to hit people at the same time. It's new to me, I enjoy meeting new people, and it's just a fun sport to play."

I asked Kemper why people would want to come watch a Rugby match, and he made it sound simple.

"People should watch because it's nice to have support and it's a fun game to watch. Especially if you like hitting! If you like watchin' football, you'll like watchin' rugby."

Sports Update

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IPFW's baseball team started a streak of W's in their series at home April 6, but wasn't able to finish with a win. After the two wins against Chicago State, South Dakota came to Fort Wayne pulling away with three wins on their season (20-7, 17-5, 10-8.) This series brought the Mastodons record to 4-25.

In softball news sophomore pitcher Courtney Cronin was named Summit League Co-Pitcher of the Week along with Kamren Ferguson of Western Illinois. Cronin is 3-0 with 33 strikeouts in 20.1 innings for the week.

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Baseball: Junior Samuel Walker, right-handed pitcher for IPFW, gets iced after a game.